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I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1474 (2003), adopted by the Council on 8 April 2003, concerning Somalia. In paragraph 3 of that resolution, the Council decided to re-establish a Panel of Experts for a period of six months, commencing no later than three weeks from the date of the adoption of the resolution, to be based in Nairobi. The Panel is mandated, inter alia, to investigate the violations of the arms embargo covering access to Somalia by land, air and sea, and to refine the recommendations provided in the report of the Panel (S/2003/223). In paragraph 4 of the resolution, the Council requested me to appoint up to four Panel members, including the Chairman.

Accordingly, I wish to inform you that, after consultation with the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia and taking into account the requirements stated in resolution 1474 (2003), including that I draw, as much as possible and as appropriate, on the expertise of the members of the Panel established pursuant to resolution 1425 (2002), I have appointed the following experts:

Edward Howard Johns (United States of America)

Mohamed Abdoulaye M'Backe (Senegal)

Johan Peleman (Belgium)

Pavanjeet Singh Sandhu (India)

I have also designated Mr. Peleman to chair the Panel.

I should be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of the members of the Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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